

May 24, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 432, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1.

Committee Meetings

FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Department of the Treasury (International Affairs). Testimony was heard from John Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

EPA'S RESOURCE CONSERVATION CHALLENGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge." Testimony was heard from Matthew Hale, Deputy Director, Office of Solid Waste, EPA.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Cards: Immediate Savings for Seniors." Testimony was heard from Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HUD'S BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget

request for fiscal year 2005. Testimony was heard from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

FEDERAL CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Redundancy and Duplication in Federal Child Welfare Programs: A Case Study on the Need for Executive Reorganization Authority." Testimony was heard from Representative DeLay; Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; and Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

"HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Historic Preservation of the Peoples of America." Testimony was heard from Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEC AND THE 527 RULEMAKING PROCESS

Committee on House Administration: Held an oversight hearing on the Federal Election Commission and the 527 Rulemaking Process. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Election Commission: Bradley A. Smith, Chairman; Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair; Scott E. Thomas and Michael Toner, both Commissioners.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE U.S. REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States." Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Antonin Scalia and Stephen G. Breyer.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled "Derivative Rights, Moral Rights, and Movie Filtering Technology." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the "Draft Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean

Policy.” Testimony was heard from ADM James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

STEEL AND ALUMINUM ENERGY CONSERVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on An Examination of H.R. 3890, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988. Testimony was heard from Douglas L. Faulkner, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

REFORMING REGULATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Reforming Regulation to Keep America’s Small Businesses Competitive. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth; and public witnesses.

OVERTIME REGULATIONS’ EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing on the Department of Labor’s Overtime Regulations’ Effect on Small Business. Testimony was heard from Alfred B. Robinson, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Great Lakes Water Quality and Restoration Efforts. Testimony was heard from Thomas V. Skinner, Manager, Great Lakes National Program Office, EPA; Gerald W. Barnes, Director of Programs, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Stephen B. Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, NOAA, Department of

Commerce; R. Mack Gray, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SSI PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the SSI program. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Patrick O’Carroll, Acting Inspector General, SSA; David Podoff, member, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DETAINEE ISSUES RELATED TO GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on detainee issues related to the Global War on terrorism. The Committee was briefed by MG Jeffery Miller, USA, Deputy Commander for Detainee Operations, Commander Joint Task Force 7, Department of Defense.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the conduct and support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Thirsty for Results: Lessons Learned From the District of Columbia’s Lead Contamination Experience,” 10 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Great Lakes Water Quality and Restoration Efforts, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.